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SUBJECT: MONGOLIAN INVITATION TO U/S DOBRIANSKY TO ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE ON NEW OR RESTORED DEMOCRACIES IN JUNE, 2006

REF: ZACK-FERRAO/BRACKEN E-MAIL OF 4/4/06

¶1. USUN received a letter, dated March 27, 2006 from the Permanent Mission of Mongolia to the United Nations, transmitting an invitation to Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs, Paula Dobriansky, to attend the International Follow-Up Conference on New or Restored Democracies being held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, June 1-2, 2006. Originals and additional documentation including a background conference document and draft conference programme have been forwarded in ref e-mail. Text of letter and invitation follows.

¶2. Begin text of cover letter:

The Permanent Mission of Mongolia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations and has the honour to transmit herewith a letter of invitation from H.E. Mr. Nyamaa Enkhbold, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia to H.E. Ms. Paula Dobriansky, Undersecretary of State for Global Affairs, to attend the International Follow-Up Conference on New or Restored Democracies to be held in Ulaanbaatar on 1-2 June 2006.

The Permanent Mission of Mongolia has further the honour to request the kind assistance of the Permanent Mission of the United States in forwarding the attached letter to its high destination.

The Permanent Mission of Mongolia to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of the United States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

end text of cover letter.

Begin text of invitation:

Her Excellency  
Ms. Paula Dobriansky  
Undersecretary of State for Global Affairs  
Washington, DC

Re: Invitation to International Follow-Up Conference on New or Restored Democracies, Ulaanbaatar, 1-2 June 2006

Excellency,

In September 2003, Mongolia hosted the Fifth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies (ICNRD-5) bringing together over 500 participants from 119 States to discuss Democracy, Good Governance and Civil Society. The Conference also adopted the most far reaching ICNRD Plan of Action that commits the participating Governments to implement ambitious

plans on strengthening democracy along with concrete tools such as democratic governance indicator databases to monitor their progress over time.

As current ICNRD Chair, Mongolia has been engaged in several activities to ensure a substantive follow-up and preparation for the Sixth ICNRD scheduled to take place in November 2006 in Doha, Qatar. Among the major activities being implemented is the development of Democratic Governance Indicators (DGIs) for Mongolia to measure its democratic performance. The DGIs along with a Country Information Note (CIN) will lay the basis for a National Plan of Action (NPA) aimed to help consolidate democracy in Mongolia. These tools have been developed through a multi-stakeholder approach with the participation of citizens, civil society, government and media.

Before Mongolia hands over the ICNRD Chairmanship to Qatar later this year there is a clear need to share the follow-up experience with both developing and mature democracies. In this context Mongolia will be hosting an International Follow-Up Conference on New or Restored Democracies in Ulaanbaatar 1-2 June 2006. The event will gather ICNRD stakeholders along with international democracy experts to take stock of the follow-up activities and to engage in discussions on how to institutionalize these innovations into the ICNRD movement. The Conference will also produce an ICNRD-5 Follow-Up paper to be presented at the Sixth ICNRD in Doha.

Excellency, as the key official liaison for international democracy affairs of your government, your participation at the Conference will be very important and greatly appreciated.

In the meantime, I do remain hopeful that you will take an active participation at the 1-2 June Conference here in Ulaanbaatar.

Looking forward to our continuous and mutually beneficial cooperation,

Sincerely yours,  
/s/  
Nyamaa Enkhbold, MP  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
ICNRD-5 Chair

end text of invitation.  
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